(c) whether Government plan to root out them instead of earning money from taking over such orchards; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No such cases of growth of orchards in forests have come to the notice of the Ministry. However, some wild varieties of Mango, Bel and some other fruit species do exist naturally in small numbers/patches in forest areas.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Simplifying the approval process of management schemes

†2622. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is pending regarding setting-up of Committee for simplifying the approval process of management schemes in respect of more than 10 hectare forest areas under Public Forestery Programme;

(b) if so, whether suggestion has been made in its response to formulate Integrated Public Forestery Management Plan at district/forest division level; and

(c) whether this suggestion is practical keeping in view the geographical expansion and numbers of landlords in the districts of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The suggestion made by the Central Government to formulate one single Management Plan at District/Forest Division level for all the tree lands of the land owners of the District/Forest Division was not found acceptable to the State Government. This was suggested in view of similar condition of crops and treatment prescribed in management Plans in a District/Division. This would have overcome the preparation of Management Plan for each of the landlords.

Environmental Impact Assessment Notification

2623. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government have issued a new notification on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA);

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the notification would have a big impact on the life of local people living in resource rich areas; and

(c) on what way the voices and concern of local people heard and adequately addressed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 has been notified on 14th September, 2006 to make the EIA process more efficient, decentralized and transparent.

(b) The Notification provides for Environmental Impact Assessment study through which necessary environmental safe guards are provided at planning stage itself of the developmental project for conservation and protection of natural resources of the area thereby improving the quality of life of people in that area.

(c) The Notification provides a structured Public Consultation process through which the environmental concerns of the local people are sought to be addressed by the project authorities and are incorporated in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Encroachment of National Parks

2624. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that about 7790 hectares of 430 Kilometre of Kaziranga National Park in Assam have been encroached either by local mafia or Bangladesh migrants;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to get back this encroached land and also to ensure that such a situation does not recur;